

how far he can go beyond must
 depend on the issue of political
 affairs. Germany is completely
 disorganized from one end to the
 other. France apparently on the
 eve of bankruptcy without a
 single step being taken to avert
 the catastrophe. Italy involved
 in a ruinous and sanguinary
 contest and few predict any other
 termination to all this disorder
 than a general European war.
 - May we succeed in keeping clear
 of it is more the hope than the
 expectation of the majority of our
 politicians.

I return to Ontario, in a few
 days and hope this number to
 make up a parcel for you that
 may meet with a better fate
 than the last.

Yours very sincerely
 George Peckham

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 P.P.S. I enclose London June 5 1846
 you are not given for the 10th - June 9
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